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## Project Initiation Memorandum

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:	1.	Subj	Subject of Proposed Project: Northern Laos								
	2.	Statement of Problem: The current actions of the Communist-dominated forces and the countermoves of the Government of Laos forces in northern and northeastern Laos and the contiguous area of North Vietnam are related to the various elements in the geography of this area. The purpose of this project is to describe this remote area and analyze those geographic elements that taken together provide a meaningful background for the current situation as it develops. This project will provide a summation of pertinent physical and cultural geographic data, emphasizing particularly terrain, climatic, transportation and ethnic elements.									
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